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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1-43 (Cancelled).

Claim 44 (New): A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a viral infection in a subject, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of at least one pharmacologically acceptable oligonucleotide formulation comprising SEQ ID NO: 22 having an antiviral activity, said viral infection being caused by a virus of the family selected from the group consisting of herpesviridae, hepadnaviridae, filoviridae, flaviridae, orthomyxoviridae, and paramyxoviridae, wherein said antiviral activity of said oligonucleotide occurs principally by a sequence independent mode of action.

Claim 45 (New): A method for the prophylaxis or treatment of a viral infection in a subject, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of at least one pharmacologically acceptable oligonucleotide formulation comprising SEQ ID NO: 24 having an antiviral activity, said viral infection being caused by a virus of the family selected from the group consisting of herpesviridae, hepadnaviridae and flaviridae, wherein said antiviral activity of said oligonucleotide occurs principally by a sequence independent mode of action.